

HONORING JOHN D. DINGELL FOR HOLDING THE RECORD AS THE LONGEST SERVING MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OR REPRESENTATIVES

SPEECH OF

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 11, 2009

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to support this resolution and to recognize my dear friend, JOHN DINGELL, on his lifetime of public service.

Over the last 53 years, JOHN DINGELL has stood larger than life. His dedication to his district, state and country has been a tremendous source of inspiration to me and my colleagues. I know that the United States of America is a safer, cleaner and healthier country because of his tireless efforts.

As a member of the Energy and Commerce Committee, I have had the privilege of serving under Chairman DINGELL. As Chairman, his wisdom and judgment were only outdone by his kindness and generosity. I know that every member in this chamber is a better representative today because of the lessons we have learned from him.

In the 111th Congress, I look forward to continue working with, and learning from, JOHN DINGELL as he continues to fight for American families. This year we plan to work to provide universal health care, improve safety standards in toys, and find a solution to ad-

dress global climate change, and JOHN DINGELL will be a major factor in each of these efforts.

On a personal note I also deeply appreciate the friendship extended to me and my family by John and Debbie Dingell. They are always there for friends who need comfort and care. I congratulate and thank JOHN DINGELL for everything that he has and will accomplish in the years ahead.

CELEBRATING THE NATION'S MANUFACTURERS' MEETING IN CHATTANOOGA

HON. LINCOLN DAVIS

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 12, 2008

Mr. DAVIS of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of an exciting event in Tennessee. Next week, the nation's manufacturing interests will gather in Chattanooga, Tennessee to discuss ways to provide U.S.-built products to support a nuclear energy renaissance. Job growth for electricity generation is already underway in Tennessee at Alstom's Chattanooga facility where 300 new jobs are expected to be added.

I congratulate Chattanooga's city leadership, the Tennessee-based sponsoring manufacturing companies, the National Association of Manufacturers and the American Society of Mechanical Engineers and the Nuclear Energy Institute on their commitment to job growth in

the nuclear industry. A single nuclear plant will create as many as 2,400 jobs during construction and 400 to 700 full-time, high-skill positions during its 60-year operating lifetime.

Electric power companies have filed federal permits to build up to 26 new nuclear plants. This list includes the Tennessee Valley Authority whose interests include potentially two new plants at the Bellefonte site in Northern Alabama. Based on statistics from the existing 104 U.S. nuclear power plants, each year, a new reactor will produce about \$600 million to federal, state and local governments in tax revenue and by expenditures in the economy for goods, services and labor. A four year construction schedule will also provide a substantial boost to suppliers of commodities and manufacturers of hundreds of components.

Recognizing the need for new electricity generation, especially in our region, TVA and other companies are also evaluating the benefits of new carbon-free electricity. The 104 nuclear power plants operating today in the United States produce three-quarters of our carbon-free electricity. Of the emission-free sources, nuclear energy has the most potential for large-scale expansion.

We face tremendous economic and energy challenges in Tennessee. Residents of Tennessee can benefit from deployment of carbon-free nuclear energy technology that creates jobs and stimulates the U.S. economy. I look forward to the progress in Tennessee's growing energy industry as our great country moves ever closer towards energy independence.